

903C Quantitative Research in Social Sciences

Unit 1

Nature of Quantitative Research

- Characteristics of quantitative research
- Operationalization of concepts
- Instruments of Data Collection: Questionnaire and Schedule
- Measurement- Attributes and Variables; Scales of measurement; validity and reliability in measuring social data.

Unit II

Quantitative methods

- Survey method
- Sampling method, types of sampling strategies
- Techniques of data collection

Unit III

Data analysis and interpretation

- Content analysis
- Secondary analysis
- Statistical analysis of Survey data: Descriptive Statistics and Inferential Statistics.
- Descriptive Statistics: Univariate, Bivariate, and Multivariate.
- Inferential Statistics: Hypothesis testing and non-parametric statistics.

Unit IV

Statistics in Social Research

- Measures of central tendency: Mean, median, mode
- Measures of Dispersion: Standard/Quartile Deviation
- Computer aided statistical analysis of data: MS Excel and SPSS
- Report Writing

Contemporary Trends in Sociological Theories

Unit-I: Post Structuralism:

- Michel Foucault- Discourse, Knowledge and Power
- Jacques Derrida: Deconstruction

Unit II: Structuration Theory: Anthony Giddens

- Nature of social reality; structure agency duality.
- Modernity, Risk and Reflexivity

Unit-III: Theory of Practice: Pierre Bourdieu

- Class, Culture and Power
- Concepts of Habitus and Field

Unit IV: Post modernism, Post Colonialism & Feminist Theory

- Fredric Jameson
- Edward Said
- Manuel Castells: Network society
- Sandra Harding: Is there any feminist Sociology?

Essential readings:

Adams, Bert N. and Sydie, R.A. 2002. Contemporary Sociological Theory, California: Pine Forge Press.

Alexander, J. 1985. Neofunctionalism, Beverley Hills, California: Sage.

Alexander, Jeffrey C. 1987. Twenty lectures: Sociological theory since World War II. New York: Columbia University Press.

Colomy, P. (ed.) 1990. Neofunctionalist Sociology, London: Edward Elgar.

Doshi, S.L., Modernity, Postmodernity and Neo-Sociological Theories, Jaipur: Rawat Publication.

Eliot Gregory, 1994, Althusser: A Critical Reader, London: Blackwell Publications.

Fowler Bridget(ed), 2000, Reading Bourdieu on Society and Culture, Oxford: Blackwell Publications.

Giddens. A. 1987, Social Theory and Modern Sociology, Cambridge: Polity Press.

Giddens Anthony & H.T. Kenneth, Modern Social Theory, Sage Publications.

904E: Fieldwork (Practical+ Report writing)

Course Description and Objectives:

This course shall introduce sociological field research to the students who will collectively take up a research project for application of research methods on the field. They will engage in interview technique to collect data from the field. Under the supervision and guidance of the course instructor, students will get a first-hand experience of fieldwork and its methodological and practical challenges. This would enable them to carry out research for their individual projects more independently, efficiently and confidently. Specific research topics and field sites will be selected each year by the course instructor and students. The students who enrol for the course will be divided into smaller groups, each of which will be in charge of one part of the data collection process. The course instructor will take turns to be part of each group and hold regular meetings where students of each group will have discussions and sharing of their experiences. The collected data will be analysed collectively within the framework of various sociological theories and concepts discussed in various courses of the programme under the guidance of the instructor and other faculty members.

SOC 805E – Social Entrepreneurship

The paper endeavours to develop strategic orientation and motivation for success with social conscience. Social Entrepreneurship prepares students for innovatively approaching public needs with a combination of entrepreneurial practices and social purposes through the for-profit, nonprofit, and governmental sectors.

Unit: I: Key Terms

- Industry and society: Interface
- Sustainability
- Social Entrepreneur

Unit: II

- Sustainability of development organisations
- Contemporary issues in management of social sector
- Operational Skills of management and vision to develop social enterprises

Unit: III: Corporate Social Responsibility

- Meaning, Features
- Case studies:

Unit -IV: Social Entrepreneurship in India

- Key roles of Indian social entrepreneurs
- Problem and prospects

Key readings:

Social Entrepreneurship in India: Quarter Idealism and a Pound of Pragmatism, by Madhukar Shukla